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Trent Avenue improvements completed

The Washington State Department of Transportation has recently completed improvements to SR 290/Trent Avenue from Mission Avenue to Sullivan Road. This six-mile project consisted of a full-length pavement overlay from Mission Avenue to Sullivan Road plus a new center-turn lane between Fancher Road and Sullivan Road.

A short ceremony is planned for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, August 26th to commemorate the completion of the work. The public is invited to attend. The ceremony will be held adjacent to Trent Avenue in the parking lot of the Trent Plaza office complex, (in front of the Department of Health and Social Services), located at 8517 East Trent Avenue. The location is on the north side of Trent Avenue, just east of Argonne Road. To access the site from I-90, take the Argonne Exit, travel north to Trent Avenue, and turn left onto Trent Avenue.

This project, which initially began in July of 2001, was built in two stages. Paving work on Trent Avenue from Mission Avenue to Fancher Road was completed last October. This section of work also included the construction of a concrete intersection at Trent Avenue and Fancher Road. Work resumed this spring on Trent Avenue from Fancher Road to Sullivan Road. In addition to pavement work, the project included a number of safety improvements in this corridor: curbs were added to the north roadway edges to better define entry and exit points along the busy retail area; sidewalks were

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constructed for pedestrian use; durable striping was added between the lanes throughout the project; and the eastbound right-turn lane was lengthened at Pines Road and Trent Avenue. The major component of this project was widening the roadway to add a center turn lane between Fancher and Sullivan. This was built to improve through traffic flow and decrease the occurrence of rear-end accidents due to left-hand turns. In addition, new illumination was installed at every county road intersection from Fancher Road to Sullivan Road.

The work took only a few days longer to complete than was originally predicted, however the project will come in slightly under budget. Inland Asphalt Company of Spokane, Washington was the prime contractor on the \$6.9 million project.

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An adjacent project is also near completion. The resurfacing project on State Route 290/Trent Avenue from Sullivan Road to the Idaho border should be finished in a couple of weeks. Paving work is complete on this eight-mile job and the contractor is now working on pavement marking items. One change for motorists in this section is the addition of new left-turn lanes and a reduced speed limit of 45 mph at Starr Road (Moab Junction).

This project will be fully completed about three weeks ahead of schedule and is also under budget. Inland Asphalt Company of Spokane, Washington was the prime contractor on this \$1.4 million project.

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